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Joint Resolution

Designating October 5, 1989, as "Raoul Wallenberg Day".

July 27, 1989

[S.J. Res. 110]

Whereas in January 1944, the United States War Refugee Board asked Sweden to send a representative to Hungary to organize rescue operations for the Hungarian Jewish community which was marked for liquidation by the Nazis;

Whereas the Swedish representative, Raoul Wallenberg, through a combination of what has been described as "bluff, heroism, and a contempt for convention" waged a bold campaign in Hungary to thwart the "final solution";

Whereas in the 6 months he was in Budapest, Raoul Wallenberg managed to, directly and indirectly, save the lives of some 100,000 men, women, and children;

Whereas Raoul Wallenberg risked his own life countless times during his work, dragging Jews from trains bound for gas chambers, bringing food and blankets to those on death marches, and unflinchingly challenging Nazi authorities;

Whereas Raoul Wallenberg was taken into Soviet "protective custody" on January 13, 1945, in violation of international standards of diplomatic immunity;

Whereas Soviet officials originally denied having custody of Wallenberg, but subsequently stated that a prisoner named "Wallenberg" died in a Soviet prison on July 17, 1947;

Whereas eyewitness accounts over the years, and as recently as December 1986, indicate that Raoul Wallenberg may indeed still be alive and imprisoned in the Soviet Union;

Whereas the Soviet Union has never produced a death certificate or the remains of Raoul Wallenberg to prove that he died;

Whereas the Soviet Union, despite numerous attempts by Swedish and American officials, refuses to look into the reports that Raoul Wallenberg is still alive;

Whereas just as Raoul Wallenberg did not forget the Jewish people when it seemed that the rest of the world had forgotten, Raoul Wallenberg and all that he did for the cause of humanity must never be forgotten; and

Whereas on October 5, 1981, the President of the United States signed into law a proclamation making Raoul Wallenberg an honorary citizen of the United States: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That October 5, 1989, is designated as "Raoul Wallenberg Recognition Day", and the President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to observe such a day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

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